

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed April 30, 2007. Claims 21, 25, and 33 have been amended, and claims 1-20, 30, 31, 38, 39, 45, and 51 have been previously canceled. Therefore, claims 21-29, 32-37, 40-44, 46-49 and 52 remain pending in the present application. The following sets forth Applicant's remarks with regard to the outstanding Official Action and the currently pending claims.

As an initial matter, Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for contacting Applicant's undersigned counsel in order to discuss the present Action prior to mailing same. Moreover, Applicant thanks the Examiner for clearly and concisely listing the relatively minor suggested changes/amendments relating to the specification and claims. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, Applicant has amended the specification and claims herein. More particularly, Applicant has identically adopted the suggestions set forth by the Examiner in the outstanding Action. As the minor objections to the specification and the rejections of claims 21-25, 27-29, 32, 36, 41-44, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, have, in Applicant's opinion, been overcome by the present Amendment, allowance of the present case is respectfully requested.

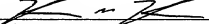
If the Examiner does not agree that Applicant has specifically adopted his suggestions, it is respectfully requested that he contact Applicant's attorney via telephone. Otherwise, Applicant respectfully awaits a Notice of Allowance in connection with the matter.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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